

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 505

By Gillespie

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rear Admiral Brian L. Davies for his distinguished military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our State and nation, the distinguished military service of every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Rear Admiral Brian L. Davies, a gallant member of the United States Navy who has rendered over three decades of distinguished military service; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Davies is a native of Newark, Delaware, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering; he also holds a Master of Science degree in Acoustics from Pennsylvania State University and has completed the Executive Business Course in Monterey, California, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for International Studies Seminar XXI; and

WHEREAS, his operational assignments include service in both fast attack and ballistic missile submarines: division officer, USS *Hyman G. Rickover*; engineer officer, USS *Nebraska*; executive officer, USS *Houston*; commanding officer, USS *Jimmy Carter*; and commodore, Submarine Squadron 11; and

WHEREAS, during these tours, Rear Admiral Davies completed six strategic deterrent patrols, as well as deployments to the Arctic, Western Pacific, North Atlantic, and Indian Ocean; and

WHEREAS, his assignments amid these varied deployments were equally diverse: instructor duty at the Naval Submarine School; officer in charge and squadron engineer at DEVRON 5; executive officer and detailer/placement officer for submarines in the Submarine/Nuclear Officer Distribution Division at Navy Personnel Command; deputy Nuclear Propulsion Program Manager; military assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and director, Submarine/Nuclear Officer Distribution; and

WHEREAS, during his command tour, the USS *Jimmy Carter* completed two mission cycles while earning a Presidential Unit Citation and the Submarine Development Squadron 5 Battle Efficiency "E"; while at Submarine Squadron 11, he was responsible for five Los Angeles class submarines, Undersea Rescue Command, and the Navy's only floating dry dock; and

WHEREAS, prior to his arrival in Memphis, Rear Admiral Davies was serving as commander, Submarine Group TWO in Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Davies was awarded a number of medals, ribbons, and commendations for his service to our country, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legion of Merit awards, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, and various campaign, unit, and service awards; and

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Brian L. Davies exemplifies a true citizen-soldier in the best tradition of a Tennessee Volunteer, both in peace and wartime; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery and dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Rear Admiral Davies to the full extent of

our ability, as he has made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Rear Admiral Brian L. Davies for his courageous service to our nation as one of its most heroic citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.